

'One Solitary Life'

The author of the terse little masterpiece, printed below, is unknown, his name lost in the dust of decades, yet the logic is so pointed, the impact so great that it well deserves to be reprinted at this time of year. In an age of electronic marvels, in a gadget-ridden society, the very simplicity of a man who so changed the world is worthy of remembrance. (editor's note)

Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born.

He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the Leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built and all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of man on this earth as has that One Solitary Life.

And that is the Babe born in Bethlehem some 1900 years ago December 25.

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'A Policeman's Letter to Santa' Asks Safety for Others Over Christmas Season

Dear Santa: I realize that I'm asking

for an awful lot this year; perhaps more than even you can give, but this is not a selfish request, I'm sure you'll do your best to fulfill it.

As we once again celebrate the birth of The Prince of Peace, bring to every driver the spirit of brotherhood to make him considerate and thoughtful of his fellow motorists, now and in the new year just ahead. Fill his Christmas stocking with great driving skill, good judgment and patience. Leave him a bright candle of understanding to help him see the other fellow's needs, as well as his own, behind the wheel; and to light his way safely over the highways in the darkness of the night.

CAUTION

Give every pedestrian a candy cane of caution that he may walk with care and always reach his destination without accident or injury.

And if you hang a wreath on someone's door, Santa, please make it a bright and shiny one representing the new life and the new beginning in Christmas, not the dark and somber wreath of death which has hung on the homes of so many traffic victims at Christmas time in years gone by.

In closing, Santa, I'd like

to ask you to be especially careful yourself this year; so many drivers just don't realize they could kill Santa Claus.

With best wishes for your safety,
Your Traffic Officer

PAMPHLET

Do you have a question about cancer? The American Cancer Society has available, without cost, a pamphlet entitled, "101 Answers to your Questions About Cancer"

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Lassie and Pal Help Lick TB



CONTRIBUTION—Lassie and Pal Jon Provost (Timmy of the "Lassie" TV show) are both busy licking Christmas Seals to put on their cards and packages. Christmas Seal contributions help in the fight to wipe out tuberculosis.

Civilians Unprepared for Atomic War, Says Hahn

The civilian population of the United States is as unprepared for the danger of nuclear fallout or nuclear war as the Armed Forces were on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn believes. Every day that there is a delay in building adequate community fallout and blast shelters for the population might mean needless loss of human lives in case of another war. It is too bad that we do not learn from history and that a feeling of uncertainty, fear, and lack of leadership in the field of defense of our civilian population exists in the United States today, Hahn added.

FALLING BEHIND
After returning from Europe, it is clear that we are behind in providing for civilian defense. As a notable example, the country of Sweden has blast and fallout shelters for the people of Sweden, especially in big cities like Stockholm, and every school in Sweden has fallout shelters for the children, built on school grounds and used now as auxiliary classrooms. All major new construction of buildings, apartment houses and industries have fallout shelters for the people who live and work there.

should pray and work for peace, but as long as Khrushchev and the leaders of the Kremlin continue their international conflicts and the threat against peace remains, we must be prepared for war and its consequences.

Reinvestment of California Funds Brings Returns

Substantial revenues for the State from sources other than the taxpayers' pocket are being realized by the present State administration, State Controller Alan Cranston declared in a speech last week.

Cranston cited the work of the Pooled Money Investment Board, which he said has raised approximately \$65 million in the past three years through the investment of State funds not needed for immediate use.

"Only a few years ago, a scandalous situation was brought to light when it was disclosed that the State had more than \$100 million lying idle in checking accounts in banks, not drawing a cent of interest," he said. "Today we are doing all we

can to insure that every penny available is invested until the day comes when it must be spent.

Cranston serves on the board with State Treasurer Bert Betts and Finance Director Hale Champion.

Annual Christmas Seal Campaign Launched Here

This might be called the era of punctured complacency.

We are a nation of optimists. But our front pages, with stories on the Berlin crisis, Sputniks, juvenile delinquency, organized crime, violence on television, suggest perhaps we haven't as much reason to be satisfied with ourselves as we seem to think.

Even in medicine, there are signs we are taking it easy much too soon. Despite striking advances, there are vast areas of disease and illness merely to be controlled, much less conquered.

In the last couple of weeks, residents of this area may have received their Christmas Seal letter in the mail. For over 50 years, Christmas Seals have led the crusade against tuberculosis. Perhaps because the fight has been going on for so long, and because medical science has made much progress in this field, the tendency is to dismiss this fight as already won.

NEW CASES
Unfortunately, statistics tell another story. Last year, there were over 55,000 new cases reported in the United States, which makes TB the number one infectious disease. Also last year, over 11,000 persons lost their lives to this disease. Looking at it another way, every seven minutes, a new case of TB is found in the United States; every 50 minutes, someone dies of this disease. In Los Angeles County alone, more than 2,000 new TB cases were reported last year.

And now, researchers report a frightening new development among the tiny organisms which cause tuberculosis. Much in the way they developed a resistance to DDT, strains of TB bacilli

are developing a resistance to the drugs which, only a few years ago, promised to wipe out tuberculosis as a major health problem. Furthermore, the number of new cases which turn up with this drug-resistant strain of TB is increasing.

Much has been done in this crusade, but much still remains to be done. This is a splendid traditional cause, one which deserves all support during this holiday season.

30,000 New Demos Register

Don Rose, chairman of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee, today hailed the latest voter registration figures reported in Los Angeles County as "a dramatic and significant gain for the Democratic party here during 1961."

"The citizens of Los Angeles County," Rose said, "who have registered and become qualified to vote between January of this year to December 1, 1961, have registered 3 to 1 over the Republicans registered in the same period."

"This is clear and positive evidence," Rose stated, "that the people of our community favor, by an overwhelming majority, the policies and programs of both President John F. Kennedy and Governor Edmund G. Brown as they have seen them in action during the first 11 months of this year."

"The Gallup Polls have told us of President Kennedy's popularity with the voters across the nation. By their own considered action the newly registered voters of Los Angeles County have now reaffirmed their approval of the Kennedy and Brown administrations."

Employee Earnings Up, Reports Cal. Director

Gross weekly earnings of Los Angeles manufacturing production workers hit an all-time high for two months, John F. Henning, California Director of Industrial Relations, reported today.

Henning stated that the buying power of these earnings—after allowing for Federal and State taxes and for the rise in consumer prices—was also at a record level.

The average factory worker earned \$109.62 weekly this October compared with \$104.66 per week in October 1960, a 4.7 percent in-

crease over the year. The purchasing power of his net spendable earnings increased 3.4 percent from October a year ago.

Henning also announced that average hourly earnings of factory workers remained at the record level of \$2.70, and represented a 9-cent gain from October 1960.

The average workweek in manufacturing rose to 40.6 hours in October. This was one-half hour longer than in October 1960 and the longest workweek since August 1959.

Equalization Board Head Opposes Proposition 4

"Local government will suffer, and the average taxpayer will bear an increased share of the local tax burden if a new tax relief proposal is passed in the next election," said Richard Nevins, Southern California Member of the State Board of Equalization, speaking at the American Legion Luncheon Club Wednesday, December 5, in opposing Proposition 4.

"No special tax relief should be given persons who have enjoyed great increase in land values," he said, "even farmers."

Nevins continued, "Proposition 4 would give tax relief on land used for farming near growing cities by valuing it as agricultural land instead of what it would bring on the current market."

"Farmers and other groups supporting this measure are unwittingly establishing a pattern of special property tax assessments which will determine local government," Nevins stated.

"BAD LEGISLATION"
"California property tax law until 1960 was free of provisions which result in inequitable assessments. Proposition 6, giving special treatment to golf courses, was the beginning of this

bad legislation. "Voters should not forget that all other taxable land in California is valued on the basis of its market value," Nevins said.

He concluded, "The Federal income tax laws make it possible for the farmer to transfer the proceeds of land sales to other farm lands without loss to himself. Local government can ill afford to provide services in new growth areas as it is. Special low assessments on large blocks of farm land held off the market would make this situation worse."

Proposition 4 is the number given by the Secretary of State to Assemblyman Paul Lunardi's Constitutional Amendment ACA 4, passed by both houses in the 1961 General Session of the Legislature.

GREATEST KILLER
Next to traffic accidents, cancer is the greatest single killer of children, according to the American Cancer Society.

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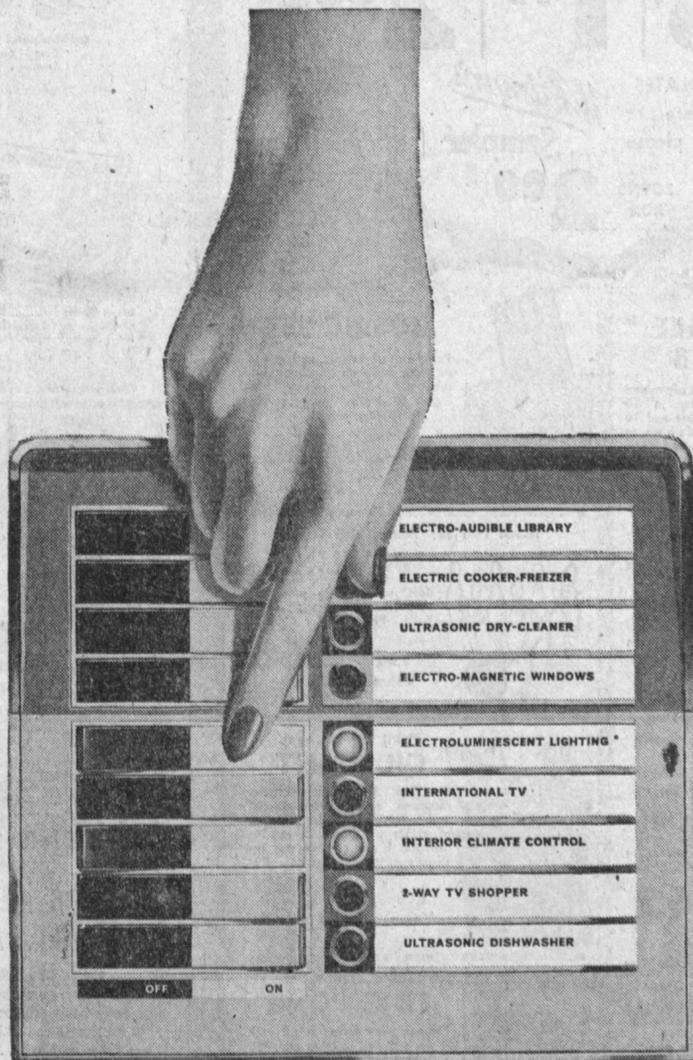
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